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1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN
2 NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

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9 STATEMENT OF:

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15 GARY, INDIANA

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1 MR. STANLEY: My name is Karl Stanley

2 and my address is 1560 Hardstone Court, Dyre

3 Indiana and I think this purchase of the EJ&E
4 by Canadian National certainly benefits
5 Canadian National but I think it just diverts
6 traffic from the city to the outer suburbs.

7 It doesn't improve rail efficiency.
8 In terms of the environmental impact it will
9 have to the area that I live, it would be
10 tremendous because the train count would go
11 from 10 to 34. That's a three-fold increase
12 and with Canadian National's proposals to
13 increase the amount of hazardous material that
14 will be on the cars that travel through my
15 area, it's very heavily residential and I
16 would say even suburban into urban as more and
17 more people move into the area.

18 It's going to impact train crossings
19 that are nearby. We currently hear whistles
20 now. Obviously, the number of whistles will
21 increase unless something is done about the
22 transactions.

23 I have a concern about the amount of
24 vibration that will be created near my house

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1 and with the three-fold increase in the number
2 of trains, obviously, the amount of vibration
3 will increase tremendously.

4 I had an issue this summer with
5 hazardous material where there was a smell in
6 the air and my wife called the police and fire
7 department and subsequently was directed to

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8 the EJ&E that said it was a Canadian National
9 car and we had great difficulty in finding out
10 the source of that smell.

11 I questioned Canadian National's
12 motives. I see it as strictly a business
13 transaction. It is not benefitting rail
14 efficiency, it is benefitting their business
15 operation. That's it. I think that's it.

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